GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF POSTAL COMMUNICATION NETWORK
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan for expansion of postal and communication services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the details therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) A target of 500 Extra Departmental Branch Offices (EDBOs), 50 Departmental Sub Offices (DSOs) and 1000 Panchayat Sancha Sewa Kendras (PSSKs) has been allotted during the current Annual Plan of the Ninth Five-Year PlanIt is also proposed to open 500 EDBOs, 50 DSOs and 1000 PSSKs in the annual plan 2001-2002 of the Ninth Five-Year Plan;

It has been planned to provide 57.9 lakh new telephone connections in the country during 2000-2001. In order to achieve this target existing telephone exchanges are being expanded and new telephone exchanges are being opened. Also, the customer access network is being expanded, wherever required.

(c) & (d) No reply called for in view of (b) above